

## **METAL / NONMETAL Serious Injury Accident**

Cement Plant – A miner operating a forklift drove onto a covered oil and grease pit located in the plant's garage. The vehicle over turned when it broke through the boards over an opening in the floor trapping a miner until fire and rescue could free him and transport to a local hospital. The pit was covered with 2 by 12 inch boards to allow persons to walk through the area without fear of falling into the pit. The area was restricted to mobile equipment.



### **Best Practices**

- Examine your work places for all possible hazards and correct them before you perform work.
- Always operate forklifts according to established safety procedures.
- Obey the safety instructions and warnings on decals, labels, plates, and safety signs.
- Ensure that mobile equipment operators are adequately task trained in all phases of mobile equipment operation before performing work.
- Operate equipment within its designed limitations. Slow down or drop to a lower gear when necessary. Post areas where lower speeds are warranted.
- Always wear a seat belt when operating self-propelled mobile equipment.